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Amy Tan to be Honored with F. Scott Fitzgerald Award



Author Amy Tan.

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival will honor “The Joy Luck Club” author Amy Tan, on Saturday, Oct. 12, with the 2019 F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature.

The award has been presented to some of America’s most distinguished writers, including Richard Russo, Annie Proulx, Norman Mailer, Pat Conroy, John Updike and Joyce Carol Oates.

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival was established in 1996 to celebrate the centenary of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s birth in the city where Fitzgerald, his wife and daughter are buried — the festival is co-sponsored by the City of Rockville and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc. The festival is for writers, book lovers and Fitzgerald fans.

During the awards ceremony, which begins at 12:45 p.m., Montgomery County High School Fitzgerald Scholars will be recognized and winners of the annual F. Scott Fitzgerald short story contest for students and adults will be announced.

The festival’s activities, which take place over three days, will include writing workshops, a conversation between Tan and best-
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Time for Terror: It’s Halloween in Rockville

Kids of all ages can get their haunt on this October at several events throughout Rockville!

Halloween: Field of Screams Trip:

Teens in grades 6-10 are invited to an evening of fright at Field of Screams in Olney from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. For more information, call 240-314-8638 or 240-314-8652. Transportation is provided to and from Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive. Register for course #10741. \$60, residents; \$65, nonresidents.

Croydon Creep: Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road.

Celebrate Halloween in costume at Croydon Creep from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18. A spooky nature hike around the meadow, a magic show from D’s Magic, games and other activities. Children younger than 2 and adults are free. Register for course #11257; \$6 in advance or \$8 at the door.

Monster Mash Family

Dance: Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

Come in costume from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. Pumpkin decorating. Refreshments sold by Twinbrook PTA. Cost

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Antique and Classic Car Show to Feature Traffic of ‘The 9s’

58th Annual Show Offers Free, Family-Friendly Fun

Rockville’s 58th annual Antique and Classic Car Show returns to the Rockville Civic Center Park from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The free show – one of the oldest and the largest in the mid-Atlantic region – will feature more than 500 vehicles, a car-related flea market, a car sales area, live music by Sons of Pirates and a moon bounce. Croydon Creek Nature Center will be open to visitors.

The hills of Rockville Civic Center Park, home to the historic Glenview Mansion at 603 Edmonston Drive, offer a picturesque fall setting for a stroll through a lineup of vehicles from 32 car clubs, from Packard and Plymouth to Fiat and Ferrari.

The show is the premier non-judged motor vehicle show in the region, offering the chance to

share memories of classic cars of yesteryear. The theme of this year’s show is “The 9s,” featuring models from the last year of each decade from 1889-2019.

Parking will be available at Rockville Civic Center Park, with overflow parking at Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Road. A courtesy shuttle will run between the school and the show from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For inclement weather updates, please call 240-314-5022.

Car owners can register their vehicle until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16. After that, owners must register on the day of the event. To show or sell a car at the show, host a flea market booth, or learn more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/carshow, call 240-314-8620 or email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov. ❖



Rock into October with Rocktoberfest in Rockville

Rockville’s third annual Rocktoberfest celebration is set for 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 in Rockville Town Center.

The free festival is expected to draw 5,000 visitors and will include two stages of live music, food, beverages, souvenir mugs, kids’ activities and an artisan area.

Featured beverage vendors will include 7 Locks Brewing, Brawling Bear Brewing, Crooked Crab Brewing Company, Dawson’s Market, Finnegan’s Wake, Gilly’s Craft Beer & Fine Wine, Gordon Biersch, Pour Vino n’ Hops, Saints Row Brewing Company, Silver Branch Brewing Company, True Respite Brewing

Company, Twin Valley Distillers, Waredaca Brewing Company and World of Beer.

Booths for breweries and vendors will be set up along Maryland Avenue, within walking distance of the Rockville Metro station.

Entertainment includes traditional German music by the Rockville German Band, polka by Mike Surratt and the Continentals and by Polkadelphia, and rock by Lloyd Dobbler Effect, Vertigo Red, and The Red Elvies.

Find the schedule of entertainment and more information at www.rockvillemd.gov/rocktoberfest. ❖

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Meetings: Monday, Oct. 7 and 21 at 7 p.m.
Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg on Oct. 7.

Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11.
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.
- **Send an email** to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

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Urban Land Institute Delivers Report with Town Center Recommendations

A panel of experts from the Urban Land Institute who conducted an intensive two-day study of Rockville Town Center in July has delivered a 42-page report detailing their recommendations on ways to strengthen the vitality of the 200-acre downtown area.

In the report, panelists grouped their analysis and recommendations into four categories: contextualizing Rockville; retail strategy and design; organizing stakeholders; and urgent steps and prioritization.

Among the recommendations made by the panel were: Retaining significant employers; attracting anchor uses; building density in Town Center without compromising character; strengthening relationships and connections with Montgomery College and the Montgomery County Board of Education; hiring a parking consultant; and redesigning both East Middle Lane and North Washington Street to make them friendlier to pedestri-

ans, bikers, drivers and others.

View the report at bit.ly/ULIreport2019.

Technical Assistance Panels — or TAPs — are part of the ULI advisory program, in which several panelists from varying backgrounds and areas of expertise collaborate to tour the study area, conduct interviews, review material provided by staff, conduct their own research, and work on recommendations related to land use and economic development. The Town Center TAP included experts on planning, urban design, retail, real estate, economic development and downtown management.

Rockville Town Center comprises about 200 acres of the city, generally bounded by properties along Fleet Street to the south, South and North Washington streets along the west, and the railroad tracks to the east.

Learn more about the ULI TAP process at washington.uli.org/TAPs. ❖



Photo credit: John Ward

PERMANENT COURTS INSTALLED FOR PICKLEBALL PLAY ... More than 100 people attended as Rockville cut the ribbon on four brand-new pickleball courts at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park at an opening ceremony in September.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America, and to accommodate a burgeoning population of players in Rockville, the city installed the four lighted, dedicated pickleball courts in the park at 1800 Piccard Drive. The courts are the first dedicated to the sport in Montgomery County.

Pump House Plaque, Commemorating Mayor Marcuccio, to Come Before Mayor and Council

The Rockville Recreation and Park Advisory Board has forwarded to the Mayor and Council its unanimous recommendation to dedicate a plaque at the Pump House commemorating former Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio, who died in June 2018.

The commemoration was requested by the East Rockville Civic Association.

The Mayor and Council has final decision-making authority on the memorial. They will discuss and may take ac-

tion on the advisory board's recommendation at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21 at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

Comments can be submitted in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

Meetings are broadcast live on channel 11 on county cable systems, livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11 and available a day after the meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand. ❖

Nominate a Neighbor for a Human Rights Awards

The city's Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for two awards to be presented at Rockville's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Monday, Jan. 20.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award will be presented to a student at a Rockville high school who has worked to fulfill King's dream in either their school or the community.

The F. Michael Taff Award will be presented to an individual, organization or business that has helped to improve the lives of people with disabilities, such as through efforts to improve accessibility or raise public awareness. It is named in honor of the late F. Michael Taff, a dedicated human rights activist and former chair of the Human Rights Commission.

Find and submit nomination forms at www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk. The submission deadline is Monday, Nov. 11.

Groups or individuals who would like to apply to perform during the city's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration should email Janet Kelly at jkelly@rockvillemd.gov by Monday, Oct. 7. Please include a link to online audio or video, or digital audio or video files, of the proposed performance.

Volunteers are needed for onsite setup and cleanup, and to serve as stage assistants, ushers and greeters. Student Service Learning Credits are available.

For more information, contact Janet Kelly at 240-314-8316. ❖

Boards and Commissions Task Force Continues Work

The Boards and Commissions Task Force began meeting in March 2018 and has performed an extensive examination of Rockville's volunteer boards, commissions, committees and task forces. The task force's mission is to identify gaps or overlaps between boards and commissions, and recommend continuing, repurposing, merging, eliminating or adding boards or commissions. They are also reviewing membership requirements and determining whether eligibility requirements or expertise should be required for appointment.

"Rockville's boards and commissions and other [volunteer organizations] are amazing," the task force stated in a letter on its work sent to the Mayor and Council. "The quality and quantity of volunteerism are staggering. It is a great strength of our city." A report on the task force's findings is anticipated in the near future. ❖

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- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. Learn more below and find other ways to give of your time and talents at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions. Note: Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

- **Oct. 2 Boards and Commissions Task Force** 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 3 10, 17, 24, 31 Development Review Committee** 9 a.m.
- **Oct. 3 Environment Commission** 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 8 Human Services Advisory Commission** 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 10, 16, 23, 30 Board of Supervisors of Elections** 6 p.m.
- **Oct. 10 Board of Appeals** 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 15 Rockville Seniors, Inc.** 2 p.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.
- **Oct. 16, 23 Planning Commission** 7 p.m.*
- **Oct. 16 Rockville Sister City Corporation** 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 17 Historic District Commission** 7:30 p.m.*
- **Oct. 23 Rockville Housing Enterprises** 6:30 p.m. David Scull Courts Community Center, 1133 First St.

*Televised on Rockville 11.

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Animal Matters Board (1)
- Cultural Arts Commission (1)
- Ethics Commission (1)
- Financial Advisory Board (1)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (1)
- Retirement Board (1)
- Rockville Seniors, Inc. (1)
- Human Services Advisory Board (2)
- Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission (2)
- Personnel Appeals Board (3)
- Senior Citizens Comm. (4)
- Historic District Comm. (3 reg., 1 alt.)
- Human Rights Comm. (5)

For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.

Pedestrian Signal Outage? Pothole?

Select "Report a Concern" at the bottom of www.rockvillemd.gov.

Emergencies..... 911
Utility emergencies.. 240-314-8567
Non-emergencies:
City Hall..... 240-314-5000
Police..... 240-314-8900



STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting.

- 1

S'MORES AND WINE.

Enjoy an evening outdoors with wine, s'mores, fellowship. Free. 4:30-6 p.m.

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- 2

COFFEE WITH A COP.

Get to know the men and women who protect and serve Rockville over a cup o' joe. 8-10 a.m. Krispy Kreme, Falls Grove Village Center, 14919 Shady Grove Road.
- 2

TELEVISED CANDIDATE FORUM.

Presented by Rockville Chamber of Commerce. 1-2:30 p.m.

TF
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OKTOBERFEST FEATURING THE ROCKVILLE GERMAN BAND.

Beer, traditional German food, live music, 50/50 raffle, dancing. Free; registration required with course #11498. 5-7 p.m.

SR
- 4,5,6

ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS "ARSENIC AND OLD LACE."

See article on page 4. 8-10 p.m. Oct. 4 and 5. 2-4 p.m. Oct. 6.

FSF
- 5

FALL BIRD WALK.

A morning walk for beginning birders. Binoculars provided or bring your own. Ages 18 and older. Register for course #11193. \$5R/\$6NR. 8-9:30 a.m.

CC
- 5,12,19,26

ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET,

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street in the jury parking lot.
- 5

LITTLE ACORNS: CREEPY CRAWLIES.

Explore nature with your little ones. Time is spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Advanced registration recommended. Ages 18-36 months. Register for course #11171. \$7R/\$9NR. 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

CC
- 5

ROCKTOBIERFEST.

Beer for sale by local breweries, two stages of German and Rock music, an artists' shopping area, kids' activities and food. See article on page 1. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Rockville Town Center.
- 6

WEBELOS ADVENTURE PROGRAM: INTO THE WOODS.

Naturalists help you complete all necessary requirements to achieve the Into the Woods badge. Materials provided; badges not supplied. Rain or shine. Contact Laura Fawks Lapole at lfawkslapole@rockvillemd.gov to register or for more information. \$14R/\$16NR. 2-4 p.m.

CC
- 9

ADVENTURE DAY.

An offsite field trip, games, open gym and more. Register for course #10503. Ages 6-11. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

TF
- 10

FLU CLINIC.

Bring your Medicare Part B and insurance cards. Without insurance: regular dose, \$28; preservative-free, \$30; high dose, \$50; egg free, \$57. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

SR
- 10

NATURE TOTS: BEAVERS.

Discover the wonders of nature with your child. Delve into a nature topic through play, crafts, stories and hikes. Dress for the weather. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Ages 2-5 years. Register with course #11177. \$8R/\$10NR 10-11:30 a.m.

CC
- 10

JEN FULWILER: THE NAUGHTY CORNER TOUR.

See article on page 4. 7 p.m.

FSF
- 10

GLENVIEW MANSION AND PEERLESS ROCKVILLE SPEAKER SERIES.

"F. Scott Fitzgerald's Rockville," presented by historian Eileen McGuckian. Free. 7-8:30 p.m.

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ROCKVILLE ELECTION 2019 VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

– mailed on or before this date. Call 240-314-8286 if you do receive yours by Oct. 18. See voter guide insert for more details.
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F. SCOTT FITZGERALD LITERARY FESTIVAL.

See article on page 1. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

GM
- 12

MARYVALE PARK STREAM CLEANUP.

Gloves and bags provided. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. For more information and to register, email environment@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8877. 10 a.m.-noon. at Maryvale Park, 812 First St.
- 12

STREAM CLEAN-UP MEET-UP.

Following the stream cleanup at Maryvale Park, meet at True Respite Brewery. Family-friendly and open to all. Beer specials available for stream-cleanup volunteers 21 and older. Food truck onsite or bring a lunch. Noon-2 p.m. True Respite Brewing Company, 7301 Calhoun Place #600.
- 12

TWINBROOK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER'S 20th ANNIVERSARY.

An afternoon of family fun with Twinbrook neighbors. Free. 1-3 p.m.

TF
- 12

CREATURES OF THE NIGHT CAMPFIRE.

Learn about amazing night creatures; enjoy a campfire treat. Ages 3 and older. Register with course #11188. \$4R/\$6NR. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

CC
- 15

TELEVISED CANDIDATE FORUM.

Presented by Twinbrook Village in association with Twinbrook Community Association. 6-8 p.m.

TC

FACILITIES LEGEND:

SFC

Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.

TF

Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.

TC

Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.

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LITTLE ACORNS: BATS.

Explore nature with your little ones. Time spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Advanced registration recommended. Ages 18-36 months. Register with course #11172. \$7R/\$9NR. 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

CC
- 16

RETIREMENT LIFESTYLES.

Learn about the different options for senior care, both at-home and community-based, including companion care, home care, home health, independent living, assisted living, nursing homes and memory. Register with course #10583. FREE. 1-2 p.m.

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STROKE, SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW.

What you need to know and what can make a difference. Register with course #10606. Free. 1-2 p.m.

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CROYDON CREEP.

See article on page 1. 6-8 p.m.

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MEMORY SCREENINGS.

A free, confidential memory screening by licensed professionals. Appointment required. Call 301-355-6578. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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ROCKVILLE ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW.

See article on page 1. 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
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SUPER BINGO.

Must be 18 or older to play. \$60 per person; includes lunch, which starts at noon. Noon-5 p.m.

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DRUG TAKE-BACK.

Bring unused, out-of-date medications for proper disposal, care of the Rockville City Police Department. 10 a.m.-noon.

SR
- 24

CONNECTING WITH NATURE: LAST CHILD IN THE WOODS.

This series presents adults with new and exciting ways to introduce themselves and children to the natural world. Register by Oct. 10 with course #11191. Ages 18 and older. \$14R/\$16NR. 7-8 p.m.

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DEMYSTIFYING YOUR THYROID.

Signs and symptoms of various thyroid diseases including hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, goiter and surgical options for treatment. Register with course #10608. Free. 1-2 p.m.

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MONSTER MASH FAMILY DANCE.

See article on page 1. 7-9 p.m.

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ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS "SEUSSICAL."

See article on page 4. 8-10 p.m.

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TWINBROOK STREAM CLEANUP.

Gloves and bags provided. Student Service Learning hours available. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. For more information and to register, email environment@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8877. 9:30-11 a.m.

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- 26

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Drive up and drop off unused or expired prescription medications for proper disposal. Rockville City Police Station, 2 W. Montgomery Ave.
- 26

NATURE TOTS: SPIDERS.

Delve into a nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Dress for the weather. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Ages 2-5 years. Register with course #11178. \$8R/\$10NR. 10-11:30 a.m.

CC
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HALLOWEEN HAUNT.

See article on page 1. 2-4 p.m.

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NATURE LAB: ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS.

Explore nature with hands-on and minds-on experiments and adventures. Time spent indoors and outdoors so dress for the weather. Ages 9-11. Register with course #11185. \$8R/\$10NR. 1:30-3 p.m.

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THE TAMBURITZANS PRESENT "SYMBOLS – EXPRESSIONS OF CULTURE."

See article on page 4. 3 p.m.

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FAST FORUM: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

See article on page 4. 9-11:30 a.m.

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PEEK-A-BOO HALLOWEEN (TODDLER TIME).

See article on page 1. 10 a.m.-noon

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TRICK OR TREAT DROP-IN.

See article on page 1. 6-8 p.m.

LP
- = Rockville Vote by Mail Election 2019 Event

Hometown Holidays is Back May 23-25

Save the date for the City's of Rockville 31st annual Hometown Holidays Music Fest on Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24. The 76th annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 25.

After some consideration of the festival's dates, the Mayor and Council decided in August to continue with the three-day format.

Find more information about the festival at www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH or on the City of Rockville Hometown Holidays Music Fest on Facebook. 🍷

Halloween Events

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is \$4 per person at the door. (No masks or costume props, please.)

Halloween Haunt: *Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive.*

Wear your costume for Thomas Farm's annual Halloween Haunt, from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. Paint a pumpkin, play Halloween games, take part in crafts and jump with friends in a moon bounce. \$8, residents; \$10, nonresidents with preregistration; and \$10 per person at the door. Adults and children must register with course #10504.

Toddler Time-Peek-A-Boo Halloween:
Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Lincoln Ave.

Mini peek-and-find Halloween items, crafts, games, snacks and more for kids age 1-5, 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, Oct. 30. Preregister for course #10806. \$7, residents; \$10, nonresidents.

Trick or Treat: *Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Lincoln Ave.*

Stop by Lincoln Park while you're out trick or treating on Halloween evening from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31. Get some candy and visit the hot-chocolate bar.

Where a course number is specified, register at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. 🍷

Save the Date for Montgomery County's H2O Summit

Rockville will host Montgomery County's H2O Summit from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2.

The free annual celebration of water and our actions to keep it clean will be held at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. The summit features educational sessions to provide community members with ways to make water-conscious decisions and tools to use in their backyards to help our local streams. Learn about efforts to improve the county's watersheds, environmental volunteerism and opportunities for community members to get involved.

Due to space limitations, registration is requested. Register at tinyurl.com/y4zskxzd. For more information, email ryan.zerbe@montgomerycountymd.gov. 🍷

Correction: The Annual Report in September's "Rockville Reports" included an incorrectly labeled pie chart showing the city's Fiscal Year 2019 expenditures. A corrected version of the chart can be found by visiting RockvilleReports.com and selecting "Annual Report" on the right sidebar.

Forum to Highlight Changes with Permitting Process

A forum to be held by the Department of Public Works will highlight changes taking place with Rockville's development and permitting services, as well as deliver an update on the on-going FAST process.

FAST, which stands for faster, accountable, smarter and transparent, is an ongoing city initiative implementing improvements to Rockville's development review and permitting processes.

The forum, to be held from 9-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29 in the Mayor and Council chambers at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., will target need-to-know information, including changes to Rockville code, for developers, engineers, land-use attorneys, contractors, government agencies and utilities, among others.

Additionally, the Mayor and Council are scheduled to receive an update on the FAST process at their Monday, Nov. 18 meeting.

For more information about the forum, contact James Woods at jwoods@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8521.

Rockville 10K/5K is Registering Now!

Running shoes laced up and ready to go? The 44th annual Rockville 10K/5K is registering runners until Oct. 31.

The oldest continuing foot race in Montgomery County — which includes a 1-mile fun run for kids — will take place the morning of Sunday, Nov. 3.

The kids 1-mile fun run begins at 8:10 a.m. The 10K starts at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K at 8:45 a.m. Runners should arrive before 8 a.m., at which time streets leading to the race will be closed to ensure a prompt start.

Registration costs \$35 online or by mail-in through Thursday, Oct. 31, and \$45 for walk-up registration at packet pickup and on race day.

Saturday packet pickup and late registration on Nov. 2 is from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at RnJ Sports, 11910-R Parklawn Drive. Day-of-race packet pickup and late registration opens at 7:30 a.m. at King Farm Village Center, 801 Pleasant Drive, between the Fontina Grille and Baja Fresh restaurants.

The course begins and ends in King Farm, and travels a scenic route along Redland Boulevard (west of Grand Champion Drive), Gaither Road, Piccard Drive and West Gude Drive.

For more information, a course map and to register, visit www.rockville10k5k.com.

Veterans and Military Members Wanted for City Ceremony

Rockville's Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11, will include a member of the military as a featured speaker.

Rockville and Montgomery County residents who have retired from, or currently serve in, the United States military are eligible to take part in the ceremony.

Volunteer speakers must be comfortable speaking in public and must prepare a five- to seven-minute speech about their experiences in the armed forces, including what it means to serve and to honor those who have served.

Contact Amanda Knox at 240-314-8604 or aknox@rockvillemd.gov to participate or learn more.

Find video of past Veterans Day ceremonies at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Veterans."



Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

Reach out to Rockville City Manager Rob DiSpirito at rdispirito@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8102.

Murder and Minivans, Seuss and Symbols: This Month at the F. Scott Theater

Poisonous old ladies and standup comedy lead the way to a Seussian musical and song and dance. That's what's happening in October at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

"Arsenic and Old Lace," presented by Rockville Little Theatre. 8 p.m. Oct. 4 and 5; 2 p.m. Oct. 6. The classic mystery-farce about two delightfully poisonous old ladies, their daffy nephew and an eccentric cast of madcap characters. Tickets are \$22; \$20 for seniors 62 and older, and students.

Jen Fulwiler: The Naughty Corner Tour. 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10. Sirius XM radio host Jen Fulwiler keeps crowds laughing with her standup comedy, drawn from her life as a minivan-driving mom of six young children. VIP/tier 1 tickets cost \$60; tier 2, \$35.

"Life," presented by the Rockville Concert Band. 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 13. Celebrate the extraordinary in our common experiences with pieces de-

picting the beauty of everyday life. \$5 suggested donation.

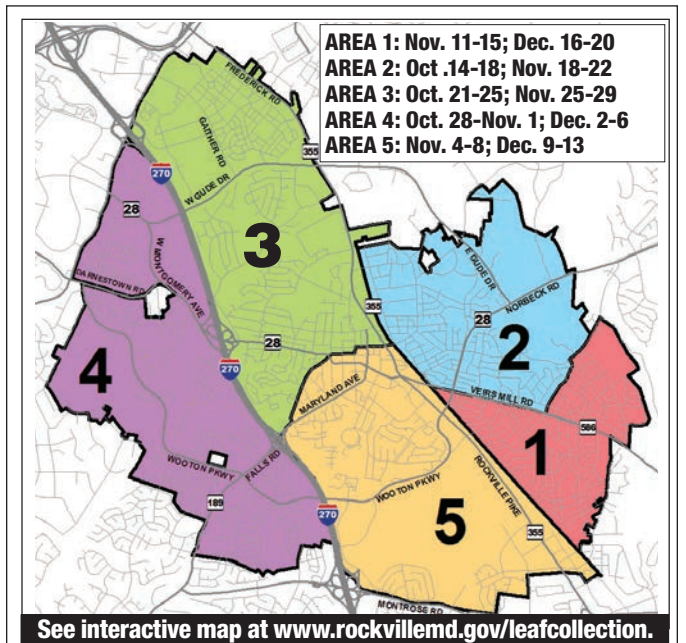
"Seussical," presented by Rockville Musical Theatre. 8 p.m. Oct. 25 and 26, Nov. 1, 2, 8 and 9; 2 p.m. Nov. 3 and 10.

Oh, the thinks you can think when Dr. Seuss' best-loved characters collide and cavort in an unforgettable musical caper. Tickets cost \$25; for seniors (62 and older) and students, \$23.

The Tamburitians present "Symbols — Expressions of Culture." 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27.

A live two-hour event of music, song and dance celebrating cultures from around the globe. Tickets cost \$40; \$35 for seniors; \$30 for students \$30; and \$25 for children.

For tickets or more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre, call the box office at 240-314-8690, or email theatre@rockvillemd.gov. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is located at 603 Edmonston Drive. 🍀



Give 'em a Rake: Fall Leaf Collection Begins

Rockville will vacuum leaves from neighborhood curbs in two rounds, beginning Monday, Oct. 14.

Rake leaves next to, but out of, roadways, gutters and bike lanes, and away from parked vehicles. Leaves should be raked by

6 a.m. on the first day of their collection period, but no earlier than one week before the collection dates to avoid grass damage or fire hazards. Remove sticks and other objects from leaf piles. Avoid parking near leaf piles or other vehicles. 🍀

Fair and Impartial Police Training Coming to Rockville

The Rockville City Police Department officers and community members will receive training in the coming months that promotes bias-free behavior in community policing.

The Justice Department's Community Oriented Policing Services, also known as COPS, recently approved funding for Fair and Impartial Policing training. In December, Rockville officers will host officers from Gaithersburg, Chevy Chase, Takoma Park, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and the Maryland-National Capital Park Police to learn how to train police officers in FIP implicit bias training.

Early next year, trained officers will lead a session with city police command staff and invited community leaders. The

roundtable discussion will focus on the following topics:

- What is implicit bias?
- How might implicit bias manifest in police and in community members?
- What can individuals and agencies do to promote bias-free behavior?
- What is RCPD doing to promote fair and impartial policing?

"This important program will give officers and community members tools they need to communicate better and work together to improve our city, with the overarching goal of making our community safe and resilient," said Rockville city police Chief Victor V. Brito.

To learn more about the RCPD, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/police. 🍀

FSF Literary Festival

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selling author Mark Childress, and a screening of "The Joy Luck Club."

The festival will be held at the Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive. For more information, and to register, visit www.fscottfestival.org or call 301-309-9461.

Don't miss these other festival events:

Thursday, Oct. 10 at 11:30 a.m. The Friends of the Library, Montgomery County Literary Luncheon Series hosts author Vaddey Ratner, who will deliver the F. Scott Fitzgerald

ald Literary Festival opening lecture at Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Drive.

Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. Historian Eileen McGuckian will present on "F. Scott Fitzgerald's Rockville: Rockville in the 1920s," at Glenview Mansion, as part of the Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speaker Series.

Friday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc., and The Writer's Center will present "Readings in Tribute to Amy Tan and to Mothers, Daughters, and Families" at The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda. 🍀

A Better Driving Experience at Senior Center

Learn about the latest high-tech safety features in your current or future car from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at a workshop on vehicle technology. **The Smart Driver TEK workshop** is developed jointly by AARP Driver Safety and The Hartford, and will be presented by Ken Ow, a driving safety instructor. Register for the course with #10586.

AAA CarFit, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, is a

quick, comprehensive check of how well you and your vehicle work together. A trained professional will help drivers complete a 12-point checklist. Participants must register for an appointment by calling Betty Figure at 240-314-8803. The session will be in the senior center's rear parking lot. Register with course #10643.

Register with the course numbers at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. 🍀



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TRICKS TO MAKE HALLOWEEN A TREAT ... There are no set hours for trick-or-treating on Thursday, Oct. 31. Drivers should be aware of extra pedestrians in neighborhoods. Clear yards and sidewalks of obstacles, keep homes well-lit inside and out, and report any suspicious activity to police. Kids should walk in groups and young children should be accompanied by an adult. Costumes should be flame retardant and short enough to prevent trips and falls. Carry flashlights or glow sticks and affix reflective strips to costumes and bags. Remind children not to eat treats until they get home. Check all treats and throw out anything that is not factory-sealed.